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A certification system and method for inspecting of a roll of web material through a web inspection system which includes the inspection of the roll of web material to determine the number, type and location of one or more detectable flaws along the web material. This data "object" representation of the roll map is recorded, and then compared to predetermined product set-up parameters and machine vision hardware integrity data to determine the accuracy of the web inspection. The generated "certification" assures with a substantial degree of precision that the machine vision hardware is calibrated and operating correctly, and that the correct system setup parameters for the particular web product being inspected are being applied.